

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 53 OF 2014

**Resolution introduced by Supervisors Sokol, Conover, Frasier, Taylor and McDevitt**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 403 OF 2011 - AMENDING WARREN COUNTY  
RABIES PLAN FOR 2011-2015 TO REFLECT UPDATES  
IN THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH LAW  
AND RABIES TREATMENT GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 403 of 2011 adopted the Warren County Rabies Plan for 2011-2015 for the Health Services Department, and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health/Patient Services has advised that the New York State Department of Health Law and Rabies Treatment Guidelines have been updated as follows:

1. Confinement of animals that bit was previously required for ten (10) days at an animal hospital which was costly to the owners; however, under the amended law, the owners were allowed to confine their pets at home. There are still provisions under the law to allow confinement to animal hospitals for animals deemed to be dangerous.
2. Scratches from paws were no longer considered to be possible exposure to rabies but scratches from teeth and/or bites still would be.
3. Police dogs and working dogs are exempt from the bite law and owners could apply for a waiver to the confinement until the animal's vaccination status was verified.
4. Post exposure treatment guidelines for rabies would now be four (4) doses as opposed to five (5) doses; although people with compromised immune systems might still require five (5) doses.
5. The Public Health Department was given the authority to approve the post exposure treatment. The procedure had been amended slightly to allow the hospital pharmacy twenty-four (24) hours to order the treatment if it was not currently in stock.

and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Health is requesting the 2011-2015 Rabies Plan previously adopted pursuant to Resolution No. 403 of 2011 be amended to include the above and that copies of the amended 2011-2015 Rabies Plan will be sent to the Town Animal Control Officers throughout Warren County and be posted on the County's website once adopted, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 403 of 2011 is hereby amended to include the above revisions and other than the above revisions, Resolution No. 403 of 2011 shall remain in full force and effect.